



Spiritual and Religious Care Awareness Week

October 18 - 24, 2009

Hope for a New Beginning

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(Community name) – October 1, 2009

(name of facility or community) has designated October 18 – 24, 2009 as **Spiritual and Religious Care Awareness Week**. The theme for 2009, “**Hope for a New Beginning**,” is to re-enforce our commitment to support and value the services offered by spiritual and religious providers.

Spiritual and Religious Care Awareness Week offers an opportunity to recognize the value of spiritual and religious care and to honour those who provide the care. Spiritual and religious care is about listening, clarifying and offering spiritual direction to those in need. When one is scared, lonely, confused, angry or disillusioned, spiritual and religious care providers offer counsel and support.

Across Ontario thousands of dedicated spiritual and religious care providers of all faiths work in specialized settings such as hospitals, long term care facilities, correctional facilities, mental health centres, and facilities for people with developmental disabilities.

During **Spiritual and Religious Care Awareness Week** facilities recognize the contributions of staff, families and faith community volunteers in providing the best care possible for residents and patients.

Spiritual and Religious Care Awareness Week is sponsored by the Ontario Multifaith Council. Ontario Multifaith Council is one of North America’s largest organizations dedicated to advocacy of spiritual care and the protection of religious rights. The activities of the Ontario Multifaith Council promote an environment of acceptance and respect amongst the diverse communities of Ontario. Each year the Ontario Multifaith Council provides **Spiritual and Religious Care Awareness Week** packages to individuals and facilities across the province to help celebrate this very special work.

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Note: For additional information on Spiritual and Religious Care Awareness Week around the province please visit www.omc.ca

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